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SUPERINTENDENT'S MONTHLY REPORT

APRIL 1951

	ROGERS	
✓	JOHNSTON	
✓	JOFFE	
✓	ANDERSON	
	STANTON	
	FULLER	
	PROPER	
	HOTCHKISS	
✓	MATSON	
✓	CONDON	
✓	SKINNER	
✓	EVANS	
	CHAPMAN	
	JAY	
	KOWSKI	
✓	KITTAMS	
✓	WOHLBRANDT	
	ROBINSON	
	WIGGINS	
	McMULLIN	

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Summary of the April 1951 Monthly Narrative Report for
YELLOWSTONE NATIONAL PARK

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WEATHER:	Precipitation slightly over average. Mammoth maximum 64°, minimum 16°. Snowdepths little below normal.	1
SPECIAL ACTIVITIES:	Rogers to Bozeman, Billings, Custer BNM, Missoula. Johnston returned from leave; to Custer BNM. Joffe to Helena, Billings, Custer BNM, & with Condon to Livingston Rotary. Mattson returned from leave; to Custer BNM with Wiggins; to Omaha. Demaray now Director, Wirth Associate Director & Ronald Lee Assistant Director. Snowplowing operations. Contract awarded Custer sewer system. PTA election.	1 - 2
INSPECTIONS:	Victor Morris, Arnold Pavey, Maynard Barrows, Wm. Dunn, James Simon & Noble Gregory in.	3
IN-SERVICE TRAINING:	Weekly Newsletter.	3
PUBLICITY:	150,000 1951 broadsides to be received; 160,000 1950 issue on hand. Y. P. Co. folders. Releases on opening dates.	3
PLANS, MAPS AND SURVEYS:	Hursh & Rowe on leave. Hursh transferred to Crater Lake.	3
MAINTENANCE:	Crews at Mammoth. Snow plowing; going well; west side opened 28th. Road breakup. Reprocessing Mammoth to Gardiner. Rotary plow driven from Iowa. Crew marking center line of road.	3
CONSTRUCTION:	South road projects dormant but contractor moving in tractors. Active projects listed.	4
CONCESSIONERS:	Medical rates approved. Mr. Haynes, Mrs. Pryor & Hamilton crew moved in. Huntley Child returned from California trip made due death of mother.	5
RELIGIOUS SERVICES AND CHAPEL USE:	Sunday School; new program. Church services. Church Committee makes plans; student ministers.	5
INTERPRETIVE SERVICES:	Trails gone over; plans for labeling. Signs. Article on Molly Island birds reviewed. Talk to Livingston Rotary.	5

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MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	Preparation museum survey cards. Museums checked. Review maps for Custer BNM.	6
RESEARCH AND OBSERVATION:	David Beal to Norris for thesis material. Various birds seen. Bison observed. Bears seen. Thermal activity.	6 - 8
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Sales publications stock. Topo. maps received in bad condition. New book "Steve Mather of the National Parks". Forms prepared book sales records. Power tools ordered. Nature Notes.	8
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN TRAVEL:	2195 in 791 cars; 1915 in 671 cars last April; 15.1% increase. West side road open 28th.	8
VISITORS:	Wm. Clavier, N.F.F.E., in. Childhood Educational Party group in.	9
RANGER SERVICE:	Skinner & Evans to Livingston re coyote program. Trail maps & program, west side road patrols, fish plants, cleaning ditches, etc.	9
WILDLIFE AND FISH ACTIVITIES: FISH:	Fish plants made. Changes in fishing regulations approved.	9
BEAR TRAPS:	Traps mounted on 2-wheel trailers.	10
RODENT CONTROL:	Numerous rodents destroyed.	10
ELK:	Annual Elk Report submitted.	10
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	Anderson & Chapman to Missoula re firefighter rates & smokejumper unit. Job descriptions for smokejumpers. Plans lease West Yell. airport hangar. Fire school program.	10
BLISTER RUST CONTROL:	Portion Canyon B. R. storehouse collapsed due snow. Sketches for blister rust display.	10
TRAILS:	Selection personnel; difficult get foremen. Trail tool cache remodeled.	11
GROUNDS:	Work on horse trailers, riding & pack equipment.	11
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Inspection. Revision fire brigade. Evacuator being purchased. Extinguishers.	11
ACCIDENTS:	2 auto accidents Gallatin road.	11
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	No cases. Commissioner away all month.	11
DEATHS:	Death of Mrs. Emilie James Child.	12

Yellowstone Park, Wyoming

MUSEUM ACTIVITIES AND EXHIBITS:	Presentation means survey [illegible] conducted. Review maps for [illegible] etc.
RESEARCH AND CONSERVATION:	David Beal to course for [illegible] material. Various birds seen. Birds observed. Seen seen. Mammal activity.
NATURAL HISTORY ASSOCIATION:	Sales publications ebook. [illegible], map [illegible] in bad condition. [illegible] National Park. Forms prepared book sales records. Lower [illegible] orders. [illegible] [illegible].
INCREASE OR DECREASE IN VISITORS:	2,205 in 7?1 cars; 1,215 in 171 cars. [illegible] 15,1% increase. West side road open [illegible].
VISITORS:	Mr. Clayton, U.T.T.E., Inc. Additional [illegible] Party group in.
SALMON RIVER:	Skinner & Lewis to [illegible] in [illegible] program Trail [illegible] & program, west side road [illegible], Fish plants, [illegible] ditches, etc.
WILDLIFE AND FISH ACTIVITIES: FISH:	Fish plants made. Changes in [illegible] approved.
FIRE LEAGUE:	Fires [illegible] on [illegible] [illegible].
POLICE CONTROL:	Numerous rabbits [illegible].
EMS:	Annual [illegible] [illegible].
FOREST FIRE PROTECTION:	[illegible] & [illegible] to [illegible] [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible]. Jeep [illegible] for [illegible]. Flame [illegible] Hall, [illegible] [illegible]. Fire school [illegible].
DISTRICT FIRE CONTROL:	[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. Stations [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
TRAILS:	Selection [illegible]: [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] [illegible] [illegible].
GROUNDS:	Work on [illegible] [illegible], [illegible] & [illegible] [illegible].
BUILDING FIRE PROTECTION:	Inspection. [illegible] [illegible]. [illegible] being [illegible]. [illegible].
ACCIDENTS:	2 auto [illegible] [illegible] road.
LAW ENFORCEMENT:	No [illegible]. [illegible] any [illegible].
DEATHS:	Death of [illegible], [illegible] [illegible].

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PERSONNEL:	Kittams & Vladimiroff on military leave. Seasonal appts. Shirley Wohlbrandt, Clerk-Steno.; Thomas Close, Storekeeper; Elizabeth McGinnis, Clerk-Steno. Lemely Oates eod as Blacksmith. Gerald Rowe promoted to Engineer (Civil), GS-7. Arnold Quist returned from trade school. Robert Hursh transferred to Crater Lake.	12
MISCELLANEOUS:	F.E.U. meeting; talk by Wm. Clavier, National Representative. Library dessert bridge. PTA white elephant sale. A.F.G.E. meeting. Election Sunday School Board.	12

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May 7, 1951

Memorandum

To: The Director

From: Superintendent, Yellowstone National Park

Subject: Monthly Report for April 1951

Following is the report of activities for Yellowstone National Park during the month of April 1951.

Weather Conditions. Precipitation for the month was slightly higher than the previous five-year average. The total precipitation recorded was 1.44 inches as compared with 1.79 inches for 1950, 0.76 inches for 1949, 1.17 inches for 1948, 1.09 inches for 1947 and 0.36 inches for 1946.

Maximum temperature for the headquarters area occurred on the 13th with a recording of 64°. The minimum temperature occurred on the 1st with a recording of 16°.

In general, snowdepths over the park ranged slightly below the normal of the past five-year period. At the end of the month the rotary snowplows were well into the road opening operation.

Special Activities. Superintendent Rogers made trips to Bozeman on April 12 and 16 to visit the library in connection with his project covering the legislative history of National Park Service areas and to confer with park concessioner J. E. Haynes. On April 18 a trip was made to Custer Battlefield National Monument accompanied by Administrative Assistant Joffe to review work there in connection with the new museum and sewer system, spending the night in Billings and attending the Fourteenth Annual Cooperation Dinner sponsored by the Billings Commercial Club, returning to the park on the 19th. Another trip was made to Billings on the 23rd to confer with Regional Director Baker, returning to the park on the 24th. On the 25th a trip was made to Missoula to speak before the Rocky Mountain Section of the American Foresters on "National Parks and River Basin Development. Superintendent Emmert of Glacier National Park also attended the meeting and spoke on the same subject. Superintendent Rogers returned to Yellowstone on the evening of the 26th.

Assistant Superintendent Johnston returned to duty from annual leave on April 3, having left the park on March 16. On April 11 he made a trip to Custer Battlefield National Monument to discuss an REA electric contract and to inspect work on the new museum and sewer system, returning on the 13th.

Administrative Assistant Joffe went to Helena on April 8 to participate in the Montana Travel Counselors School sponsored by the Montana Highway Department, returning to the park on the 10th. On April 16 he and Park Naturalist Condon attended Rotary in Livingston at which meeting Mr. Condon was the speaker and talked on the Naturalist Division and his work in the park. On the 18th Mr. Joffe accompanied Superintendent Rogers to Custer Battlefield National Monument to confer with Superintendent Luce on personnel and other matters and to look over the new museum and sewer system, attending the Fourteenth Annual Community Cooperation Dinner in Billings that night and returning to the park the next day.

Resident Landscape Architect Mattson returned from annual leave on April 5, having left on March 28. He and Sanitation Officer Wiggins made a trip to Custer Battlefield National Monument on April 17 in connection with the new museum and sewer system, returning on the 19th, and on the 28th he left for Omaha for an assignment of a week in the Region Two Office in connection with Yellowstone and Grand Teton matters. He expected to return May 7.

Associate Director Arthur E. Demaray took over the Directorship of the National Park Service on April 1 succeeding Newton B. Drury. Assistant Director Conrad L. Wirth succeeded Mr. Demaray as Associate Director and Chief Historian Ronald F. Lee was promoted to the Assistant Director vacancy succeeding Mr. Wirth.

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Bids were opened in the Chief Clerk's Office on April 3 for the construction of a new sewer system at Custer Battlefield National Monument. Flynn and Holland of Billings, Montana, was the low bidder with a bid of $8,081.50 and award was made to this contractor.

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William Dunn, Supervisor for the Fish and Wildlife Service in the park, arrived with a crew on April 25 and proceeded to the lake.

James Simon and Noble Gregory of the Jackson Hole Wildlife Park, Moran, Wyoming, in April 27.

In-Service Training. The Weekly Newsletter was issued each Thursday during the month to keep employees, concessioners and others currently informed on park happenings.

Publicity. Notice was received from the Washington Office on April 3 that 150,000 copies of the Yellowstone broadside were to be furnished the park, to be available within four to six months. A total of 160,000 Yellowstone broadsides for 1950 remained on hand at the end of the month.

The first supply of "Accommodations and Services" leaflets for 1951, printed at the Yellowstone Park Company print shop at Mammoth, was furnished us on April 2. The "A" and "B" Folders issued by the Yellowstone Park Company are now in the hands of the printer and should be available early in May.

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Account 231.02, Repair Heating Plant, Building 13.--Under contract. The contractor has been moving some material in for the job.

Account 231.03, Re-roof Building No. 20, Storage Shed.--Work 100% complete.

Account 231,04, Re-roof Building No. 21, Storage Shed.--Work about 15% complete.

Account 231.05, Re-roof Building No. 22, Plumbing Shop.--Work 100% complete.

Account 323.08 and 323.10, Walks, Barriers, Gratings and Signs in Thermal Areas.--Project about 85% complete. Walks prefabricated but will be hauled out as soon as snow leaves.

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Concessioners. The rates for the medical service for the park were approved in the Washington Office on April 2.

The Yellowstone Park Company renewed work on the Mammoth Laundry on April 4 and opened its mess at Mammoth on the 17th.

Mr. J. E. Haynes was a visitor in the park on April 11 and on April 18 he moved his office from Bozeman to Mammoth.

Trev Povah, Vice-President of Hamilton Stores, Inc., arrived in the park on April 20 and on April 24 Gar Helppie, Manager for Hamilton Stores, Inc., moved into Old Faithful with a crew via Gardiner.

Mrs. Anna K. Pryor, President, Pryor Stores, Inc., arrived in the park on April 22.

Huntley Child, Manager of Lodges and Camps for the Yellowstone Park Company, returned to the park on April 24, having been called to California on April 8 due to the death of his mother.

Religious Services and Chapel Use. The regular Sunday School services were held in the Chapel each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. The Sunday School program was altered to a class system on the first Sunday of the month. The teachers for the new plan are: Mary Armstrong and Betty Galle, Beginners; Betty Ela, Primary; Virginia Fuller, Intermediate and Junior; and Robert Upton, the Adult Bible Class.

The Reverend E. A. Syms conducted non-denominational Protestant services on the evenings of the 8th and 22nd. On the 29th he conducted a general Communion service for all persons interested.

The Reverend Webster Clement conducted Lutheran services at 7:30 p.m. on the evening of April 30.

A meeting of the Church Committee on April 16 laid plans for the religious services program for the 1951 season. The student minister program for Protestant services used last season will be in effect again this year with Warren Ost returning from Princeton Seminary and bringing with him Henry Strock. Plans are that their first service will be held Sunday June 10.

Interpretive Services. On the 9th Park Naturalists Upton and Condon went over the self-guiding nature trails at Old Faithful, Norris and Mammoth. The length of these were measured and plans made for properly labeling them. During the month the text for introductory signs to these trails was prepared by the Chief Park Naturalist.

A review of the place name signs and informational signs damaged or missing was made for the hydro-thermal areas and a request made for a total of fifty-three porcelain place name signs.

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An article on the Molly Island Bird Rookeries by Eddie J. Brown was reviewed by the Chief Park Naturalist and it was suggested that the article be rewritten to be consistent with the correction of facts which were supplied to Mr. Brown.

Chief Park Naturalist presented a talk to the Livingston Rotary Club on the 16th, the subject discussed being the "Work of a Park Naturalist in Yellowstone Park".

Museum Activities and Exhibits. A complete set of museum survey cards were prepared during the month on the park's five museums. Upon completion these were sent to the Region Two Office for review and transmittal to the Director's Office.

All museums were checked during the month and found to be in good condition, with no damage having been done during the winter by rats, squirrels or leaking roofs. Plans were made to get all structures ready for opening in May and early June.

A review was made of the Historic Base Map and Troop Position Map for the Custer Battlefield National Monument. Several changes were suggested in order to make the map more accurate.

Research and Observation. Park Ranger Naturalist David Beal was in the park at the Norris Geyser Basin from the 13th to 16th and again from the 27th to 29th. Mr. Beal is working up a Masters thesis problem in zoology on the relationship of animal life forms to the hydrothermal areas in the basin.

On field trips made on the 1st, 9th, 25th and 30th an interesting array of observations were made by the three Naturalists. Other observations were made on weekend trips into the park. The bird life has returned for spring nesting and the following have been observed: Blue Heron on the Gibbon, Firehole and Yellowstone Rivers and in the glacial potholes near Mammoth. Pairs of Sandhill Crane have been seen at Nymph Lake, Elk Park, Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Meadows and in Hayden Valley. Golden Eagle were seen at Mammoth, Oxbow Creek, Lower Geyser Basin and Madison River, Bald Eagle along the Madison River and in Hayden Valley near Alum Creek. Eighty-seven Canadian Geese were counted between Mammoth and Old Faithful on the 9th. Pairs of Trumpeter Swan have been seen on Trumpeter Lake, Beaver Lakes, Nymph Lake and South Twin Lake. Harlequin Ducks have been frequenting the Yellowstone River near the Yellowstone bridge on the Cooke road and also the LeHardy Cascades area. The Osprey returned to Eagle Nest Rock on the 31st of March when they were observed by Mr. Joffe; they were nesting at the month's close. By the end of the month Chipping Sparrows, Bluebirds, Redwing Blackbirds, Western Robins, Meadowlarks, Western Tanagers, Northern Violet Green Swallows and a variety of other species had returned and were busy with their nesting activities.

An article on the Holly Island fire lookout by Hilda G. Brown was reviewed by the Chief Park Naturalist and it was suggested that the article be rewritten to be consistent with the description of facts which were supplied to Mr. Brown.

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A review was made of the Historic Base Map and Trees and Shrub Map for the Gaylor Bettlefield Memorial Monument. Several changes were suggested in order to make the map more accurate.

Research and Observation. Park Ranger Naturalist David Saul was in the park at the Morris Geyser basin from the 12th to 16th and again from the 27th to 29th. Mr. Saul is working up a thesis dealing problem in zoology on the relationship of animal life forms to the hydrothermal areas in the basin.

On field trips made on the 14th, 27th, and 28th an intercepting array of observations were made by the Park Naturalists. Other observations were made on weekend trips into the park. The bird life has returned for spring nesting and the following have been observed: Blue Heron on the Gibbon, Firehole and Yellowstone Rivers and in the glacial potholes near Mammoth. Pairs of Sandhill Crane have been seen at Nymph Lake, Elk Park, Lower Geyser Basin, Gibbon Canyon and in Hayden Valley. Golden Eagle were seen at Mammoth, Gibbon Creek, Lower Geyser Basin and Madison River, Bald Eagle along the Madison River and in Hayden Valley near Alum Creek. Eighty-seven Canadian Geese were counted between Mammoth and Old Faithful on the 28th. Pairs of Trumpeter Swan have been seen on Trumpeter Lake, Beaver Lake, Lily Pad Lake and South Twin Lake. Pelicans have been frequenting the Yellowstone River near the Yellowstone bridge on the Cooke road and also the Lamar Cascades area. The Osprey returned to Lake Park Lake on the 21st of March when they were observed by Mr. Jones. They were nesting at the month's close. By the end of the month Chipping Sparrows, Lincolnian, Rufuing Hummingbirds, Western Robins, Meadowlarks, Western Tanagers, Northern Violet Green Swallows and a variety of other species had returned and were busy with their nesting activities.

On a trip as far as Sedge Creek on the 25th by Naturalists Condon and Watson, 53 bull bison were seen in the area from Canyon to Sedge Creek, the greatest number being concentrated at Mary Bay on the east shore of Yellowstone Lake. The bison and elk in Hayden Valley, along the lake shore, down the Madison River and in the geyser basins all appear to be in much poorer physical condition than the animals in Lamar Valley and on the northern range areas. All of the animals in these areas seem to be feeding all of the time in an attempt to catch up on their depleted physical reserves. Along the lake shore, the Madison Valley and in the Lower Geyser Basin large areas are very comparable to cattle feed yards for there are thousands of black mounds of buffalo chips. These areas have been used hard by bison and elk all winter and are being grazed close now. The bison have badly scarred the roadside trees in the bicinity of Madison Junction and for some distance toward West Yellowstone.

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A total of seven moose were seen in Willow Park on the 9th. Others were seen on later trips.

The thermal activity in the various areas has shown some change over the winter months. On the Mammoth Terraces the four new spring vents on Prospect Terrace between Cheops Mound and the Buttress are still very active and promise to be an outstanding attraction for all parties going over the terrace loop road. Their close proximity to the road and the absence of space for parking will undoubtedly create a protection problem of considerable importance. The Minerva and Palette Springs are very active with their water flow covering an extensive area and creating a series of beautiful terraces. The rock and concrete walls which controlled the flow of two springs at the base of the terraces have been torn out and the water now permitted to flow to the north is creating an outstanding mass of algal coloring.

In the Upper Geyser Basin the major geysers are apparently erupting with the regularity of last season for the Daisy, Riverside, Grand, Beehive, Lion, Plume, Castle and Old Faithful have been observed in eruption. The Giant was reported to have erupted early in the month. The Morning Glory Pool was exceedingly beautiful early in the month with a pure white throat, deep blue depth and a brilliant algal border; this has been altered at the month's end for with the melting snows the organic stained surface water has entered the plumbing system of this pool, the Fan Geyser and other pools of the Upper Basin to contaminate them with amber coloring and a strong organic smell in the steam vapors. This has occurred in the past in springtime and will undoubtedly clear up by about the first of June.

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The three streams are not subjected to severe spring flooding conditions and are planted as early as possible each season while water temperatures are comparatively low. Mid-summer planting is not desirable as these streams, which drain the large thermal areas, become too warm for small trout to make the necessary adjustment to water much warmer than that at the various hatcheries.

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RODENT CONTROL. In accordance with recommendations of the Public Health Service, control of ground squirrels and marmots was resumed in developed areas where these rodents had emerged from hibernation. Cold weather and frequent storms hampered this work which will be intensified during May. Rodents were destroyed as follows:

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Tower Falls	161	2

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Forest Fire Protection. On April 4, 5 and 6 Chief Clerk Anderson and Assistant Chief Ranger Chapman made a trip to Missoula to attend the annual meeting sponsored by the U. S. Forest Service to consider firefighting rates and to discuss with Forest Service officials the proposed smokejumper unit for Yellowstone which will be based at West Yellowstone.

Job descriptions are being written and the necessary work is being accomplished for the establishment of the smokejumper positions.

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Grounds. Maintenance work continued on the remodeling and repairing of all horse trailers as well as on the riding and packing equipment and all is in good order for the summer.

Building Fire Protection. Building fire inspections were continued on Government buildings in the Mammoth District during the month and as soon as the field stations are manned for the summer the remaining inspections on Government buildings will be completed. Action has been taken to correct as many of the hazards as possible which were reported during the inspections of buildings at headquarters.

Action has been taken to revise the fire brigade organization at park headquarters which has been necessary due to changes in personnel. As soon as the organization is completed and the personnel assigned, drills will be held so that all men will be acquainted with their duties. The weather has not been suitable for testing the fire hose outdoors and training the engine crews.

Arrangements have about been completed for purchasing an Eastman Evacuator this spring to add to our building fire equipment at headquarters. The evacuator will be of the portable type suitable for use on two-or three-story buildings. The need for this type evacuator has long been felt for possible use on the Government buildings and hospital in the event of a serious fire.

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Robert S. Hursh, Engineer (Civil), GS-9, departed for Crater Lake National Park on April 28 for transfer to that area as Park Engineer.

Miscellaneous. The regular monthly meeting of the Federal Employees Union Local No. 465 was held in the Canteen on April 2. Mr. William Clavier, National Representative, National Federation of Federal Employees, spoke to the group on personnel matters and pending legislation.

The library group sponsored a dessert bridge party at the Canteen on the night of April 13 and the Parent Teachers Association held a white elephant sale in the Canteen on the night of April 27.

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